

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-57, drawn to a method of removing material; and
- II. Claims 58-71, drawn to a polishing apparatus.

In addition, the Examiner required an election of one of the following species:

Species 1: Figure 9, and

Species 2: Figure 11.

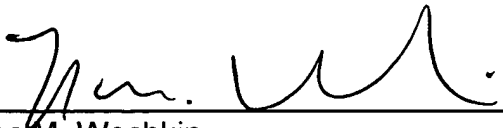
In response, the applicants elect Group I, Species 1, claims 1-57 without traverse. Non-elected claims 58-71 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part or other application. Claims 1-57 are generic to species 1 and 2 and therefore no claims have been withdrawn from consideration at this time.

Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicants request consideration of any claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,
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